**Solar System Vocabulary Quiz**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Match a word with its correct definition. Write the letter that is located in front of the definition next to word it describes.

\_\_\_\_Orbit \_\_\_\_Planet

\_\_\_\_Waxing Gibbous \_\_\_\_ Comet

\_\_\_\_Waning Crescent \_\_\_\_ Meteor

\_\_\_\_Axis \_\_\_\_Satellite

\_\_\_\_ Star \_\_\_\_ New Moon

1. The luminous phenomenon seen when a meteoroid enters the atmosphere, commonly known as a shooting star.
2. a relatively small extraterrestrial body consisting of a frozen mass that travels around the sun in a highly elliptical orbit
3. the center around which something rotates
4. any celestial body (other than comets or satellites) that revolves around a star
5. the elliptical path described by one celestial body in its revolution about another
6. a celestial body of hot gases that radiates energy derived from thermonuclear reactions in the interior
7. a celestial body that orbits a planet or smaller body
8. When the moon appears to be partly less than one-half illuminated by direct sunlight. Illumination is decreasing.
9. When the moon looks invisible
10. When the moon is nearly full and the illumination is increasing.

**Answer Key**

\_\_E\_\_Orbit \_\_D\_\_Planet

\_\_J\_\_Waxing Gibbous \_\_B\_\_ Comet

\_\_H\_Waning Crescent \_\_A\_\_ Meteor

\_\_C\_\_Axis \_\_G\_\_Satellite

\_\_F\_\_ Star \_\_I\_\_ New Moon